

Private Stewardship Grants

What are Private Stewardship Grants?

Financial and technical assistance to individuals and groups to support voluntary conservation efforts on private property for the benefit of imperiled species.

What is the landowner's role?

Implement conservation measures that benefit imperiled species on private lands. Individuals and groups submit project proposals that include:

- Description of voluntary conservation efforts on private lands;
- Benefits to listed and candidate species, or other at-risk species native to the U.S.;
- Cost-share of at least 10% of total project cost (may be met by in-kind contributions);
- Landowner participation information;
- Budget information; and
- Measures to evaluate the project.

Private Stewardship Grants: Not Just for Big Projects

"I read about Private Stewardship Grants in a magazine," said Mr. Gale Larue, whose family raises cattle, sheep, and goats on a farm in Groveport, Ohio, not far from Columbus. "Then Mr. Fasbender, of the Fish and Wildlife Service walked us through the process." Pete Fasbender is the Endangered Species Grants and Permits Coordinator in the Service's Fort Snelling, Minnesota Regional Office.

"At the same time our daughter, Bethany, was doing her science fair project on wetlands, the Environmental Protection Agency was conducting a study on one nearby. Bethany talked them into coming over to evaluate ours," Mr. Larue said.

It turns out that the Larues' property is one of only four sites in Ohio where the raven's foot sedge, a plant species that the State lists as threatened, has been found. The wetland-dependent plant had found refuge in their wetland but was threatened by trampling and dumping. The family decided that fencing would help them continue to provide a safe home for the imperiled plant.



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